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SUBJ: PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTALAUTHORIZATION ANDAPPROPRIATION TO ACQUIRE OR CONSTRUCT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS TO AVOID EXORBITANT RENTS

REF: STATE 286805

1. EMBASSY UNABLE TO ACQUIRE MORE LAND AND/OR HOUSING BECAUSE OF CEILING ON LAND IN NEPAL. MAXIMUM LAND HOLDINGS BY EMBASSIES, INDIVIDUALS, ETC., IS 50 ROPANI OR APPROXIMATELY 6 ACRES. CURRENT EMBASSY HOLDINGS APPROXIMATELY 16 ACRES. FOR YOUR INFORMATION USG HOLDINGS IN KATHMANDU ARE: PROPERTY 01460 EMBASSY RESIDENCE; PROPERTY 02460 PHORA DURBAR AREA - WAREHOUSE, MIEDICAL UNIT, RECREATIONAL AREA; PROPERTY 03460 BRAMHA COTTAGE - THREE STAFF HOUSES AND SITE FOR NEW EMBASSY RESIDENCE AND ADDITIONAL STAFF HOUSING; PROPERTY 04460 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER RESIDENCE THAPTHALI; PROPERTY 05460 VACANT LOT THAPATHALI, PROPOSED SITE FOR DCM RESIDENCE; PROPERTY 06460 CHANCERY BUILDING.

2. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREGIN OFFICE OFFICIAL INDICATE THAT EMBASSY REQUEST FOR PUCHASE OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTY WOULD BE MET WITH DISAPPROVAL. REASON CITED IS THAT OTHER EMBASSIES HAVE REQUETED PERMISSION TO PUCHASE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY OVER THE CEILING AND HAVE BEEN TURNED
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3. IF DEPARTMENT ABLE TO OBTAIN CONSTRUCTION FUNDS FOR NEW RESIDENCES, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT FBO BUILDING PLANS FOR STAFF HOUSING ON PROPERTY 03460 IN KATHMANDU BE IMPLEMENTED ASAP.

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